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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to determination of school district enrollments
2 and education savings account participation and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 67. Develop and maintain an internet-based
4 method to allow a parent or guardian, prior to the application
5 deadline under section 257.11B, to declare that their child
6 intends to apply for an education savings account for the
7 next school year. Following a submission of intent, the
8 department shall notify the child's district of residence of
9 the declaration of intent, but shall not provide any names of
10 children, parents, or guardians, and shall only provide the
11 number of children and the grade level of each child.

12 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
13 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 *c.* "*Preschool budget enrollment*" means the figure that is
15 equal to fifty percent of the actual enrollment of eligible
16 students in the preschool programming provided by a school
17 district approved to participate in the preschool program on
18 October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if
19 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday unless the board of
20 directors adopts and files a resolution with the school budget
21 review committee on or before March 1 following the October
22 determination, in which case the enrollment is determined on
23 that March 1 or the first Monday in March if March 1 falls on a
24 Saturday or Sunday.

25 Sec. 3. Section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,
26 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 Actual enrollment is determined annually on October 1, or
29 the first Monday in October if October 1 falls on a Saturday
30 or Sunday unless the board of directors adopts and files a
31 resolution with the school budget review committee on or before
32 March 1 following the October determination, in which case the
33 enrollment is determined on that March 1 or the first Monday
34 in March if March 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, and includes
35 all of the following:

1 Sec. 4. Section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2023,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 *b.* A school district shall certify its actual enrollment
4 to the department of education by October 15 of each year, and
5 the department shall promptly forward the information to the
6 department of management. If the board of directors adopts
7 and files a resolution with the school budget review committee
8 as provided in paragraph "a", the school district shall also
9 certify its modified actual enrollment to the department of
10 education by March 15 and the department shall promptly forward
11 the information to the department of management.

12 Sec. 5. Section 257.6, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2023,
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 *a.* A school district shall determine its additional
15 enrollment because of special education, as defined in this
16 section, by November 1 of each year, or by the first Monday in
17 November if November 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday unless
18 the board of directors adopts and files a resolution with the
19 school budget review committee on or before March 1 following
20 the November determination, in which case the additional
21 enrollment because of special education is determined on that
22 March 1 or the first Monday in March if March 1 falls on a
23 Saturday or Sunday, and shall certify its additional enrollment
24 because of special education to the department of education ~~by~~
25 ~~November 15 of each year~~ within fifteen days of the applicable
26 determination date, and the department shall promptly forward
27 the information to the department of management.

28 Sec. 6. Section 257.6, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2023,
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 *a.* Weighted enrollment is the budget enrollment plus the
31 district's additional enrollment because of special education
32 ~~calculated by November 1~~ determined on the applicable date of
33 the base year under subsection 3 plus additional pupils added
34 due to the application of the supplementary weighting.

35 Sec. 7. Section 257.6, Code 2023, is amended by adding the

1 following new subsection:

2 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. *Pupils added due to application of*
3 *supplementary weighting.* A school district shall determine its
4 pupils added due to application of supplementary weighting by
5 October 1 of each year, or by the first Monday in October if
6 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, unless the board of
7 directors adopts and files a resolution with the school budget
8 review committee on or before March 1 following the October
9 determination, in which case the enrollment is determined on
10 that March 1 or the first Monday in March if March 1 falls on a
11 Saturday or Sunday, and shall certify its pupils added due to
12 the application of supplementary weighting to the department of
13 education within fifteen days of the applicable determination
14 date, and the department of education shall promptly forward
15 the information to the department of management.

16 Sec. 8. Section 261E.7, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
17 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

18 Not later than June 30 of each year, a school district
19 shall pay a tuition reimbursement amount to a postsecondary
20 institution that has enrolled its resident eligible
21 students under [this chapter](#), unless the eligible student is
22 participating in open enrollment under [section 282.18](#), in
23 which case, the tuition reimbursement amount shall be paid
24 by the receiving district. However, if a child's residency
25 changes during a school year, the tuition shall be paid by the
26 district in which the child was enrolled as of the October
27 date specified in [section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a"](#),
28 or the district in which the child was counted under section
29 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6), as of
30 the October date specified in section 257.6, subsection 1,
31 paragraph "a". For students enrolled at the Iowa school for the
32 deaf and the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state
33 board of regents shall pay a tuition reimbursement amount by
34 June 30 of each year. The amount of tuition reimbursement for
35 each separate course shall equal the lesser of:

1 Sec. 9. Section 273.5, subsection 5, Code 2023, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 5. Provide Subject to the determination dates under section
4 257.6, annually provide each school district within the area
5 served and the department of education with a special education
6 weighted enrollment count, including the additional enrollment
7 because of special education ~~for December 1 of each year.~~

8 Sec. 10. Section 279.60, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 1. Each school district shall administer the teaching
11 strategies gold early childhood assessment to every resident
12 prekindergarten or four-year-old child whose parent or guardian
13 enrolls the child in the district, and shall administer a valid
14 and reliable universal screening instrument, as prescribed by
15 the department of education, to every kindergarten student
16 enrolled in the district not later than the October date
17 specified in section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a". The
18 assessment shall be aligned with state early learning standards
19 and preschool programs shall be encouraged to administer the
20 assessment at least at the beginning and end of the preschool
21 program, with the assessment information entered into the
22 statewide longitudinal data system. The department shall work
23 to develop agreements with head start programs to incorporate
24 similar information about four-year-old children served by head
25 start into the statewide longitudinal data system.

26 Sec. 11. Section 282.12, subsection 4, Code 2023, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 4. The number of pupils participating in a whole grade
29 sharing agreement shall be determined on the October date
30 specified in section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", and on
31 the second Friday of January of each year.

32 Sec. 12. Section 282.18, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
33 2023, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. If a parent or guardian of a child, who is participating
35 in open enrollment under this section, moves to a different

1 education to develop and maintain an internet-based method to
2 allow a parent or guardian, prior to the application deadline
3 for an education savings account, to declare that their child
4 intends to apply for an education savings account for the next
5 school year. Following a submission of intent, the department
6 of education shall notify the child's district of residence of
7 the declaration of intent, but shall not provide any names of
8 children, parents, or guardians, and shall only provide the
9 number of children and the grade level of each child.

10 The section of the bill amending Code section 256.9 takes
11 effect upon enactment. Except for the section of the bill
12 amending Code section 256.9, the bill applies to actual
13 enrollment determinations for school budget years beginning on
14 or after July 1, 2023.